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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5105
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WLL NETWORK
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL), Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and the Telecommunications Consultants of India Limited (TCIL) propose to set up Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) network in Nepal as reported in the Hindustan Times dated July 7, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said network is likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. However, the news item is reported in this paper dated July 11, 2001.

(b) & (c): Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL), Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) and Nepalese Ventures Private Limited (NVPL) has formed a consortium and has been awarded the Letter of Indent (LOI) for setting up of Wireless in local Loop (WLL) network in Nepal. NVPL`s equity stake is 20% as per the minimum requirement of Nepalese Government, MTNL, TCIL and VSNL decided to share the balance 80% equity equally. The Joint Venture Company is under registration in the name of `United Telecom Limited`. The service is to commence within nine months from the date of signing of Licence.